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HEARING DATE: May 11, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) OBJECTION DEADLINE: May 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:	:	Chapter 7
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RACHEL UCHITEL, an individual,	:	Case No. 20-11585 (JLG)
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Debtor.	:	
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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL D. HOLTZ IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO REOPEN CASE TO PERMIT FILING AND ADJUDICATION OF A MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY *NUNC PRO TUNC*, PURSUANT TO SECTION 350(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

- I, Michael D. Holtz, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:
- 1. I am a principal of The Holtz Firm, creditor herein for Party One A and Party One B (collectively, "Creditor"). The facts stated herein are known to be true based upon my personal knowledge. I am over 18 years of age, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify to each of the facts set forth herein.
- 2. I make this Declaration in support of the *Motion to Reopen Case to Permit Filing* and Adjudication of a Motion For Relief From Stay Nunc Pro Tunc, Pursuant to Section 350(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 5010, and Local Rule 5010-1, which I understand is to be filed substantially contemporaneously with this Declaration (the "Motion"). Unless stated otherwise, all defined terms herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

- 3. Creditor did not receive notice of the Case until I received the Discharge Notice, dated February 1, 2021. This Discharge Notice was Creditor's first notice received in the Case. I never received any notice of the Case from Debtor or Debtor's counsel.
- 4. I received the Discharge Notice after I had already sent Debtor and her former counsel a demand letter in September 2020, and after I had already thereafter commenced the Arbitration in Los Angeles.
- 5. Promptly after receiving the Discharge Notice, I notified the arbitration tribunal (JAMS) and directed that the Arbitration be stayed and not pursued pending my seeking relief from this Court.
- 6. Debtor and Creditor are parties to the Non-disclosure Undertaking pursuant to which Debtor received a substantial monetary payment. The Non-disclosure Undertaking provides that the exclusive manner of resolution of disputes thereunder shall be through binding, confidential arbitration.
- 7. Creditor has suffered and will continue to suffer harm as a consequence of Debtor's continuing post-petition breaches of the Non-disclosure Undertaking. By the Arbitration, the Non-disclosure Undertaking would be enforced only for Debtor's actions and omissions arising after the Petition Date.
- 8. If the Contemplated MFRS were granted, I would promptly file an amended statement of claim in the Arbitration to seek enforcement of the Non-disclosure Undertaking only for Debtor's actions and omissions arising after the Petition Date.

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- 9. I never received any notice of the Fourth Amended Schedules, or the Case itself, from Debtor or her counsel.
- 10. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 27, 2020

Los Angeles, California

By:

Michael D. Holt